GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:32
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REDUCTION IN ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to curtail the budget allocation for the Centrally Sponsored Rural Development Schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, scheme-wise;

(c) whether the Government have assessed the performance of such schemes during the last three years;

(d) if so, the details of achievements made, scheme-wise;

(e) whether there has been very slow progress of these schemes during the said period;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the steps taken by the Government to achieve the target fixed under these schemes?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) to (g) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in Reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No.32 due for Answer on 24.7.2001

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Question does not arise.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): The Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana(JGSY), the Swarnjayanti Gram Samridhi Yojana (SGSY), the Employment Assurance Scheme(EAS), the Indira Awaas Yojana(IAY), the Central Rural Sanitation Programme(CRSP), the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme(ARWSP), the Integrated Wastelands Development Programme(IWDP) and the Prime Minister`s Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) are the major Rural Development Programmes being implemented throughout the country.The details of achievements, schemewise, during the last three years are given in the Statement at Annexe I.

(e) & (f): The self-employment schemes and wage-employment schemes in existence till the end of 1998-99 were restructured / reformulated and the revised schemes of JGSY and SGSY came into existence with effect from 1st April,1999.The achievements under the major schemes (except IAY) have shown a decline during 1999-2000. The elaborate procedures involved in launching and sensitizing the implementing Agencies delayed the actual implementation of the schemes. The ban on taking up new works till the end of October,1999 (due to general election in the country) also affected the performance.

(g): The Ministry of Rural Development have developed a comprehensive system of monitoring through various mechanisms such as periodic Progress Reports, inspection by the State Government officials, field visits by Area-Officers, Meetings of the Performance Review Committee etc. to ensure achievements of target fixed under the Schemes.The release of funds is subject to receipt of Utilization Certificates and Audit Reports.It has been impressed upon the State Chief Ministers also, from time to time, to ensure better utilization of funds. Minister of Rural Development has also been visiting various States for review of the programmes and impressing upon the State authorities the need for effective and faster implementation of the Schemes, so as to achieve the target.